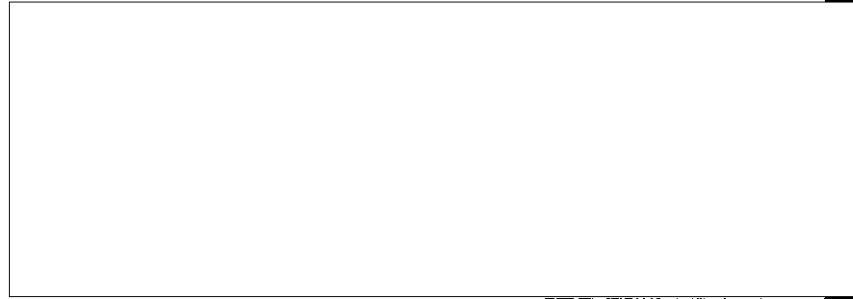




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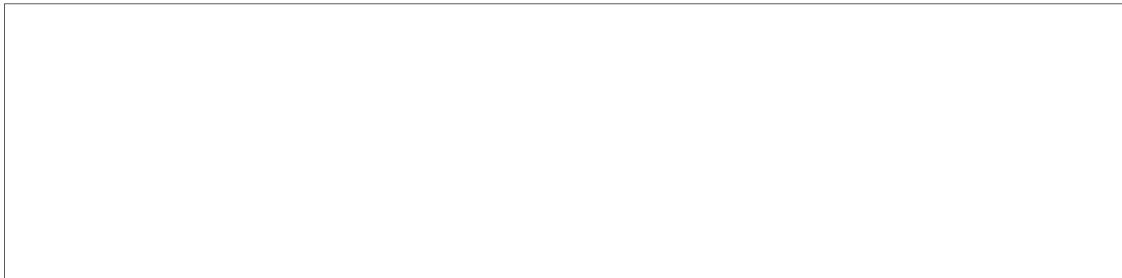
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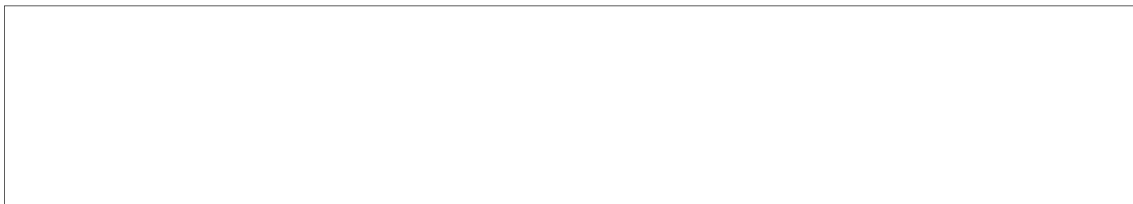
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ISRAEL-LEBANON: Forces Reduced in North

Israel has reduced its forces along the Lebanese border and the Golan Heights this week.

some of the reinforcing units brought to the north last week had been withdrawn and that further reductions were in progress.

1/4 Comment: The recent augmentations of forces in the north--there have been three such buildups since December--have been costly and could be hurting troop morale and interfering with normal Israel Defense Force operations. It appears that most, if not all, of the reinforcing units that had gathered in the border area last week have been withdrawn. The level of forces in the north has been reduced so far to 21,000 to 25,000 troops, and more units may be withdrawn soon.

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⑧ ZAIRE - ISRAEL - ARAB STATES: Arab Backlash

1 President Mobutu's restoration of diplomatic ties  
2 with Israel last week has led Saudi Arabia to break re-  
lations with Zaire and the Arab Development Bank to  
suspend its limited operations there.

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1 Comment: The Arab actions probably will deter other  
2 African states, many of which depend on Arab oil and  
economic assistance, from following Kinshasa's lead.  
Zaire currently receives little Arab aid, and relations  
with the Arabs are less important to Mobutu than the  
security assistance that Israel has been providing since  
early this year.

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